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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 as with the following amended
paragraph:
now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,140

L11B This is a continuation application of U.S. serial no. 10/325,364, filed December 19, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 09/364,242, filed July 29, 1999, now U.S. patent no. 6,499,595. This application is related to an application entitled "Storage Device for Shaving Razor, Cartridges or Other Stored Items," U.S. Serial No. 09/364,240, filed July 29, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is known in the art of packaging snacks and condiments to have a rectangular formed plastic container generally in the shape of an open box with a peripheral rim, covered by a plastic foil sealed around the rim, and a pull tab which is then formed by a slitting knife shearing one corner of the rim diagonally such that the triangular tab remains attached to the sealing foil with no appreciable space between the triangular tab and the adjacent portion of the rim. For example, such packages have been used to package snacks that have been available in the United States under the trade designation "Phileas Fogg". Such prior art package is depicted in the accompanying Figs. 10-11 labeled "prior art." Applicants understand the plastic container 101 is formed of a food-compatible thermoplastic with a rim 102 formed around the four sides (the rim being generally the same width on opposite sides, but of slightly different widths on adjacent sides), has a plastic covering film 104 sealed around the rim, the film being metallic-colored (believed to be by vacuum deposition) on the underside and printed with the product information on the outside, and the pull tab 106 remaining adhered to the film when it is peeled back. Applicants have recognized that when the plastic film is peeled back from the plastic container but not completely removed therefrom and then let go, the film falls away from the position shown in Fig. 11 back to block the opening, and thus completely lacks any "deadfold" capability